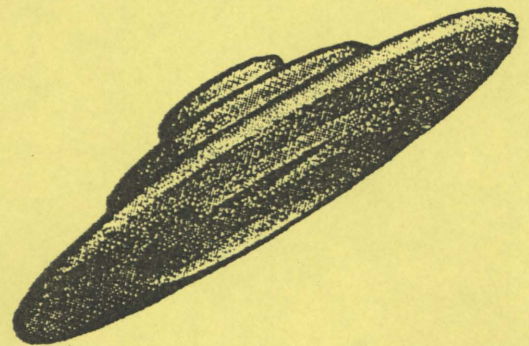
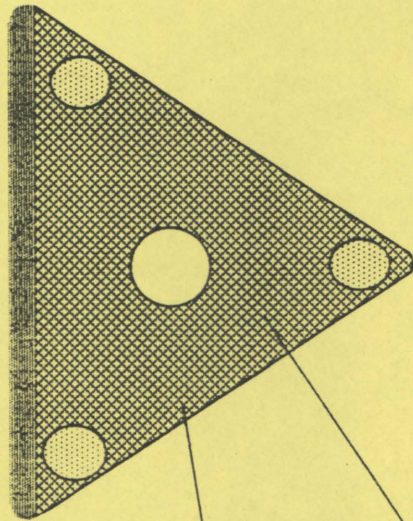


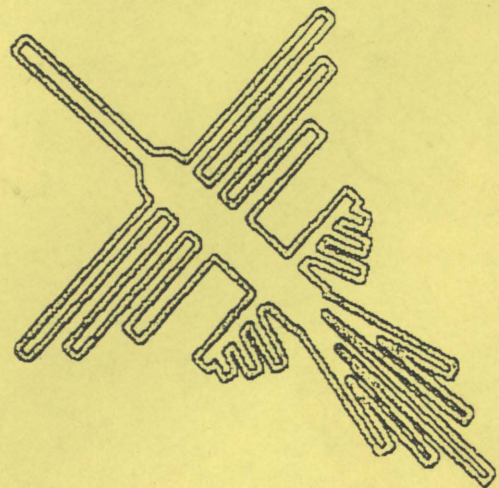
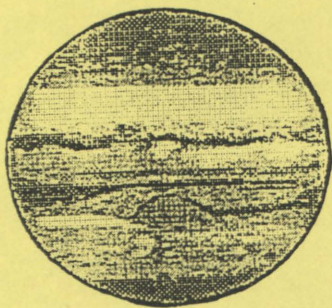
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A QUIET ENDING TO THE YEAR 2000

As the year 2000 petered out like a damp squib, we began to wonder where all the UFO's had gone. It transpires that they were visiting other countries on our planet and we have been fortunate in acquiring two unique reports, thanks to our PRA colleague Kenneth Potts.

The first report covers an Alien landing in Brazil in 1995, details of which have only just become available. The second incident concerns a family travelling in their camper van across Texas. This report has only just been released and is a 'World Exclusive' investigated by the well known Mexican researcher Santiago Yturria.

Your Editor had previously met Santiago Yturria and exchanged information on the mysterious 'Flying Triangles'. As the result of an E-mail sent to Mr Santiago, we received permission to reproduce the Texas encounter in full and this is covered in this months issue of the OVNI.

The Cardenas family could well have undergone an abduction experience, as there appears to be a 'missing time' situation involved in this encounter, which took place on Sunday 17th December 2000.

The abduction phenomenon is now a matter being widely discussed, not only in UFO circles, but by members of the scientific community. Even the general public are becoming aware, not only of the existence of UFO's but the likelihood that in many cases these craft could operating under the control of 'an intelligence' that does not originate from this planet.

The gradual indoctrination of the general public has been underway for some years and now, thanks to films like 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' and 'E.T.', the presence of Aliens in our midst is thought to be highly probable.

Thanks to the recent work carried out in America by Dr. Leir, it has been disclosed that 'implants' have been discovered in some human carriers. These have been surgically removed and sample pieces from the implants sent to a number of leading American laboratories for analysis. We understand from a recent television documentary, that origin of the supplied samples was not disclosed to the laboratories. Although the various high-tech laboratories were unable to discover the origin of the material, they subsequently disclosed that the samples had been manufactured from materials not found on Earth!

Details of the various methods of analysis (AFM *Atomic Force Microscopy*) used by Dr Leir can be seen on his website: Alienscalpel.com He has also written a book on his investigations titled "Aliens and the Scalpel" and details of this can also be seen on his website.

Although as I have previously mentioned, the public are becoming increasingly aware of the Alien presence on and around our planet, there appears to be little concern as to their intentions. The pressing matters of everyday traumas, bills and domestic events relegates the matter of Aliens to one of passing interest.

The Aliens appear to offer no threat, unlike the risk of human assault and muggings at the present time. They are not involved in inter-racial or inter-religious conflict and besides, the Government would surely take action if they were a threat to our existence! But then the Government only let you know what they want you to know.....don't they!

MORE UFO ACTIVITY OVER DERBYSHIRE

A number of UFO sightings were reported from the Crich area on Sunday 11th of January. Crich is a small town situated some eight miles north of Derby and not far away from the town of Belper, also well known for its number of mysterious visitors.

At about 8.15am on Sunday the 11th January, Mr Malcom Cheetham saw what he described as a vapour-like object in the shape of a shoe box, standing vertical in the sky and was a 'pinky colour'.

"First of all, I thought is that object coming towards me?" "I was walking around a field and I was three-quarters of the way around the field, watching the object all of the time. It appeared to be a large mass of vapour, but it couldn't have been that otherwise it would have filtered away." commented Mr Cheetham.

"I stood looking at it and within one or two seconds it suddenly filtered away and was gone. You could see it go before your eyes, it just disappeared." "My missus said, what have you been looking at and I said I've been looking at something in the sky over there." "The sun was coming up over in that direction and I would have said that it was the sun reflecting on something in the sky." "My sighting was from quarter past eight to twenty five past eight in the morning. How long the object had been hovering in the sky, I don't know."

According to a report carried in the Matlock Mercury, it was later that same day that Anne Saunders saw what she described as a "spaceship" over Crich. The object, which was in the shape of a massive illuminated Flying Triangle, was covered in "pulsating coloured lights." Anne Saunders watched the FT for about three minutes about 11.30pm, before the front section was seen to apparently detached itself from the main body of the craft and "flew away".

We are urgently seeking more details of these sightings from the witnesses concerned and when these are known, they will be covered in the next issue of the OVNI.

Mr Cheetham had previously witnessed a total of five UFO sightings. He had earlier reported two instances of small "ping-pong ball" shaped objects, flying at high speed, horizontally at a height of only some 200ft. up. "They were very low" said Mr Cheetham, "just going horizontally across the sky". "Just a white light, about 200ft. up in the sky, just above the houses."

On another occasion, while driving home from work in the Crich area, he had seen a cigar shaped object in the sky, with three red lights and a green light. He was driving along, with a valley on one side, when he spotted the cigar shaped object. Then suddenly a helicopter flew over the hedge in front of him "and frightened me to death". The helicopter then banked up and headed for the object. "That's when I knew, there was something up there in the sky. That was less than a thousand feet up."

There has meanwhile been some local speculation as to why the small town of Crich should be the subject of such widespread UFO interest.

The recent revelation that Rolls-Royce at Derby have been involved in building nuclear power plants for submarines caused great concern to the residents of Derby and there was widespread concern that there was a danger of radio-active contamination.

It has recently been disclosed that Rolls-Royce are tipping used material of some kind into a quarry near Crich. This has again caused some local concern as to what type of material is being tipped there and if in fact, it could be radio-active in any way?

Could this be the reason for the UFO interested in this small isolated town? It has been well documented that UFO craft have apparently taken a keen interest in Nuclear Power Stations and other sources of radio-active emissions. Could there be something in the Rolls-Royce tip that is attracting their attention?

ALIEN LANDING IN BRAZIL IN 1995

Exclusive report sent to Kenneth Potts (PRA) from
Thiago Luiz Tichetti, Vice President of EBE-ET
(Entidade Brasileira de Estudos Extraterrestres:Brasilia/Brasil)

In 1995 a fantastic event took place in the city of Feira de Santana, located 112km from Salvador, the state capital of Bahia province.

The event took place in a local farm and according to the farmer, "during dawn, something fell down from the sky into a lagoon on my farm. The object was the size of a 'Beetle Car' and remained floating near the edge of the lagoon. I approached the edge of the water and tried to bring the object in closer to the bank by using a rod."

"Suddenly a weird liquid began to leak out of the object and then two creatures came out of it." (*they appear to have floated out with the liquid Ed.*) "One of the creatures appeared to be dead when it came out of the object, but the other was still alive" said the farmer.

According to the witness, the creatures were about 90cm in height (approx. 3ft.). The dead one looked like a human foetus. The other one, which was still alive, looked like a "bicho-preguica" (*translation unknown*). It was hairy and had long claws.

It is understood that the farmer kept some of the metallic debris, which was gold coloured.

In 1999 the UFO research group that investigated the case (G-PAZ), received a letter signed by someone signed only as a "Brazilian Soldier" and it told a spectacular story: "In the dawn of January 12th 1995 at around 0130hrs. a power blackout occurred in the city of Feira de Santana."

"Some minutes later, a message arrived at my military unit command ordering us to investigate something that had crashed at a local farm. We left in three trucks and headed towards the farm."

According to the "Brazilian Soldier", when they arrived at the farm, there was no outward sign of fire or smoke. They were ordered to leave their trucks and were joined by the farm foreman. The soldiers moved calmly as their c.o. ordered his men to enter the farmhouse.

When the soldiers entered the farmhouse they began to search the place and shortly afterwards several men came out, carrying a "bicho-preguica" which was making some unintelligible sounds. Following them a soldier came out, carrying what appeared to be a child aged about 6 or 7 and it was apparently dead. Then the two creatures were loaded into the army trucks, together with a quantity of bright metal which had also been found.

The "Brazilian Soldier" continued, stating that the creatures were put into plastic bags and one of the soldiers made the sign of the cross, saying "They are beings of another world."

"The injured alien groaned a lot, as it appeared to be in agony. Looking closer, you could tell that it wasn't a 'bicho-preguica'. The other being was even more spooky, as it had the face of a baby and measured about 1m in height."

"During the investigation and searching of the farmhouse, none of the soldiers spoke to each other and shortly afterwards, two cars appeared carrying men in civilian clothes. These men stopped the military truck, unloaded the alien creatures and transferred them to an unmarked box-type truck."

Here the letter ended.

The investigation of this event continues and several witnesses of the incident have been found, although they are reluctant to discuss what they saw, as they are not allowed to talk about it.

We are most grateful to Santiago Yturria for giving permission to reproduce details of his report Ed.

WORLD EXCLUSIVE Family Videotapes Its Own UFO Close Encounter In Texas

By Santiago Yturria
1-24-01

Note - The following report looms as one of the most important in years due to the fact this family actually videotaped, with sound, a very close encounter with an unknown object in the middle of the desolate Texas countryside...an encounter which may have been far more than just a close-up visual sighting...

As one of Mexico's top researchers, Santiago has been intensely involved in a number of major investigations, especially of objects flying above his city of Monterrey. You can find his earlier reports via our site search engine. Thank you, Santiago, and congratulations...this is truly an amazing report which will be talked about & studied for years to come. -Jeff Rense

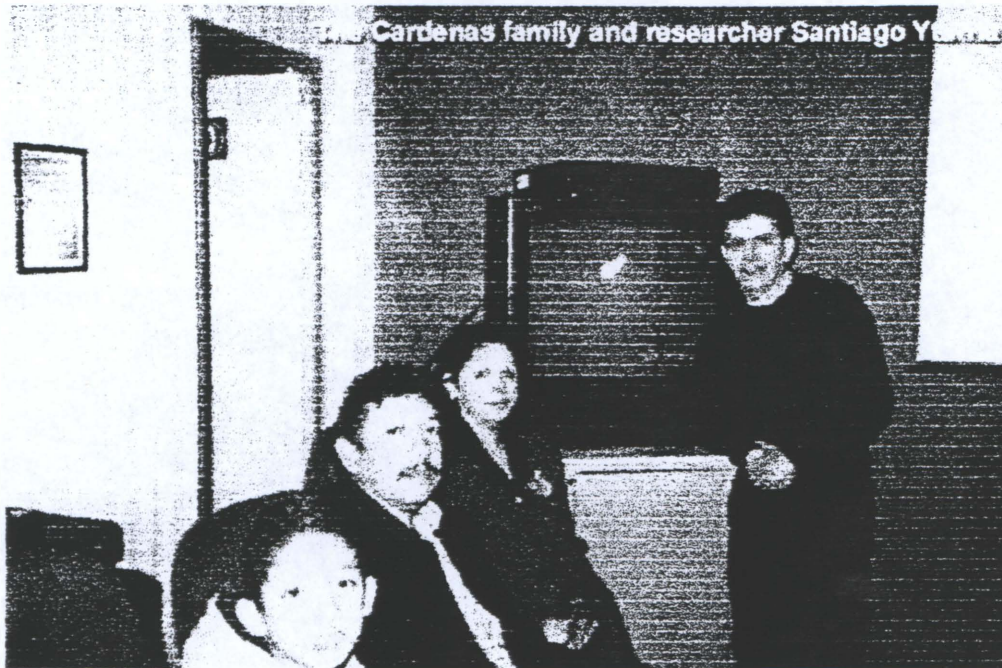
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WORLD EXCLUSIVE - Family Videotapes Its Own UFO Close Encounter In Texas

Last December 17 was definitely an extraordinary day for the Cardenas family from Washington state...the day fate granted them an encounter with the unknown. I was lucky to meet Mr. Juan Cardenas and family here in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico on December 22, as a result of a trip they made to spend the holidays with his brother's family in this city.

During our meeting, Mr. Cardenas and his wife Patricia Rugeiro gave me their account of an incredible experience they had the night of December 17, 2000 while travelling on the road to San Antonio, Texas. Fortunately, they were able to capture virtually the entire extraordinary event on video. This is our interview:



Mr. Juan Cardenas: Last December, I decided to take a trip with my family to Monterrey, Mexico to pay a visit to my brother and spend the holidays with his family. We live in Washington State, so it would be a long trip, but we have made this trip before on past holidays, so we already know the route. It was Sunday, December 17, when we left Fort Stockton at 7:00 PM Pacific time (9:00 PM Texas time). I was with my wife, Patricia Rugeiro, Patricia's father, Noe, and our three sons Jonathan (8 years old), Jesus Marin and Adrian.

I was driving my van and we took the road to San Antonio for a supposed five hour trip. At 7:12 PM (9:12 PM Texas time) approximately, my wife, Patricia, alerted me about a strange luminous light to our right side. She said that it was brighter than a star and looked different. I replied that it had to be some kind of signal light for airplanes. She continued watching the light and a minute later she said: "It's moving!" We had our videocamera (an RCA-VHS with zoom) with us and had been taping our trip since we left Washington State. So, I said: "Film the light."

Mrs. Patricia Rugeiro: When I first saw this light at the distance, it attracted my attention because of its brightness. It was brighter than an ordinary star, and I kept watching it while my husband was driving the van. Then he told me to film it so, I took the videocamera and began filming through the windshield. But there was so much wind outside and I remember that our van was slightly shaking.

It was not a clear night and dark clouds were covering the sky, however it was not raining. That's when I thought: the sky is covered with clouds, so that's not a star! I began taping and applied the zoom. Through the camera's viewfinder I realized that the light was moving and seemed to be growing, so I said to Juan: "It's moving, I tell you. It's strange!" and I asked him to stop the van to watch the light and film it more properly without movements.

SY: At this moment in the interview, Mr. Cardenas remembered an interesting fact that added more mystery to the moment they were describing.

Mr. Juan Cardenas: I remember that strong winds were shaking our van but when I decided to park alongside the road to watch that strange light, the winds stopped. In fact, there were no sounds outside; it was dark and that light was still there.

SY: I confirmed this statement from Mr. Cardenas by reviewing the original video. During the first minutes of the film, the van was moving and you can see the bright light in the distance and the noise of the wind is also present. But in the next segment of the film, the van was parked and while Mrs. Rugeiro was videotaping, there was no wind, no noise, or any other outside sounds audible. By this time, Mr. Cardenas' sons and Mr. Noe were already alert and excited to find out what the strange light could be.

Mrs. Patricia Rugeiro: When we parked the van, I lowered my right window and started filming supporting my arm against the door to avoid as much as possible moving the camera. It has a small color monitor attached on the left side, so my husband and my sons were watching that light on the camera's monitor. In less than two minutes, the light began to act strangely, it seemed to increase its size and made some movements. I realized it was getting near!



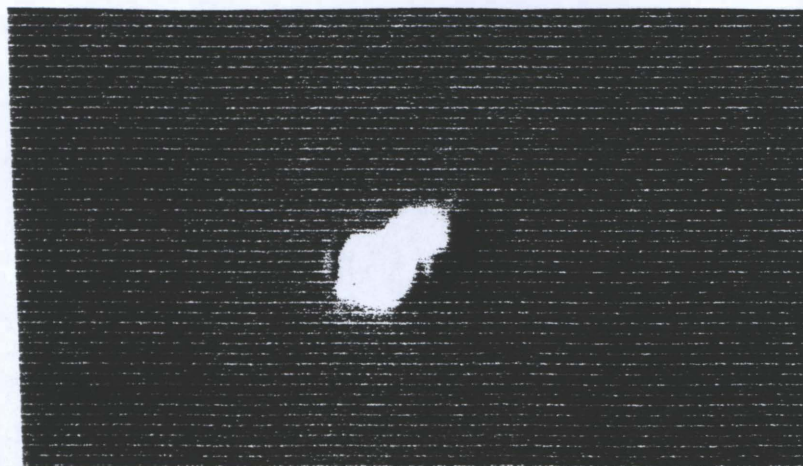
"Look, Juan!!" I said, "at how it's moving. It's not the camera...I'm not moving the camera! This thing is moving and is getting closer!!"

SY: This part of the original video is particularly interesting. I detected a sudden emotional stress among the occupants of the van when Mrs. Patricia Rugeiro said those words. The video, indeed, shows an abrupt change in the light's behavior, and the kids began shaking trying to see the light through the windshield causing the videocamera to move and Mrs. Patricia encouraged them to stay calm and not to move the camera. A small discussion is heard and everybody's talking denotes the excitement of the family in the presence of something unknown.

Mr. Juan Cardenas: My son, Jonathan, was very restless and I continued watching the light through the windshield and at the camera's monitor. I began wondering if it would be safe to be parked on this road alone, and time-to-time, I turned to see if there were more cars passing by. But there were no cars, no wind, no sounds...and I began to worry.

Mrs. Patricia Rugeiro: It was about 7:20 PM (9:20 PM Texas time). We were all calmly watching the camera's monitor when suddenly the light disappeared. "It's gone!" I said but kept the camera turned on and running.

It was just a matter of seconds when the light turned on again and it was so near and so bright that the camera went out of focus. My son Jonathan shouted: "Wow, it's big!" I pulled the zoom back and also shouted: "Look, Juan, look at that...it's like an orange!!" You can hear all this in the video.



SY: This video segment presents a dramatic change of size and shape of the object, like a luminous reddish orb with some kind of flamed tail attached on the lower left side. It definitely has movements and the expression of little Jonathan is more that explicit.

At this moment of the tape a change of attitude in the family is also detected. Complete silence took over while they were observing this huge presence. Only the comments of Mrs. Patricia while filming are heard, describing what they are confronting.

Mrs. Patricia Rugeiro: "It is an object, it's a UFO!" I said, and now I realized that it was very close. It looked like a red ball at first but then it spun slightly to the right and some kind of luminous flame was visible on its lower left side. But the best part was just about to come.

I was very excited and convinced this was a true UFO. Then it began to spin very slow to the left, and the shape changed as well as the luminous intensity.

In a few seconds, the object turned into a huge white tube-shaped thing, so intense, that its light seemed to be reflected down onto the ground. "It's like a rocket Juan!!" I said...but he didn't reply. I was absobed filming and watching the changing colors that the object began to make.

SY: Reviewing the original video, several colors from red, violet, and green are detected on the contour of the white tube-shaped object and also a bigger section on the front is visible. This suggests that the object was seen from the front during the first moments, perhaps when it was approaching their location. That could explain the orb shape and then it spun around, revealing it's real shape (a cylinder). However, we have to dedicate more time to study and analyze the video before we can adopt more definite conclusions.

Mrs. Patricia Rugeiro: The object turned into a colored light show and the camera was capturing it very accurately. I was so excited and never felt fear at any time. Every time the object made a movement I described it to the camera. It was an unexplained feeling. Suddenly, my husband Juan said: "That's it, let's go!" and started to run the van and I stopped filming.

Mr. Juan Carderías: I was really worried when the object showed up so big and bright. I must say that I preferred to watch the camera's monitor instead of watching it through the windshield

I began experiencing an unpleaseant discomfort so I decided to leave the place as soon as posible. Of course, I didn't want my family to be aware of my fear, so I said to my wife: "Listen, we may spend all night looking at this object, but remember that we have a long way still to go and you all will be sleeping while I have to drive, so we better go now. I don't want to get more tired, ok?" And we left the place.

SY: At this final part of the interview, both accounts seemed to have some discrepancies with the video occurances itself. For instance, the video suddenly stops, as if it were interrupted or the battery discharged.

This made me wonder about what Mr. Cardenas said to Mrs. Patricia as an excuse to leave the place. On the other hand, Mrs. Patricia didn't mention any of those words. She just said that Mr. Cardenas told her, "That's it, let's go!"

After reviewing, several times, the last part of the video, I didn't hear in the audio portion the words supposedly spoken by Mr. Cardenas at all. So, I sense the drastic interruption of the taping may be caused by a reason not yet specified.

I asked Mr. and Mrs. Cardenas, separately, about this inaccuracy but they didn't seem able to remember what happened exactly at that moment. I became aware that both became very nervous when I asked what happened when the video stopped. Fearful of making them feel uncomfortable, I didn't press the subject.

However, Mr. Cardenas confessed to me, just before we finished our meeting, that after they left the place, sometime later he parked the van again alongside the road where he, as well as the others, all fell asleep.

When I heard this I asked him to let me review the portions of the video after the UFO encounter, and he said, "Well, you will find something rather unusual...the times of the camera's clock don't match."

Reviewing the video after the ufo sighting, I confirmed that the hours in the video were mixed-up, and I could find no plausible reason for this discrepancy.

Preliminary conclusion: I confess I was tempted to suspect a "missing time" kind of an abduction case, but I preferred to stay with the facts and the Cardenas' testimonies, avoiding any type of speculation.

I must say that I had a pleasant impression of the Cardenas family. They were very open and cooperative in telling their story, giving me the original VHS video for analysis and agreeing to be interviewed. I believe they are a completely honest, middle-class family, and I don't find any reason why they would invent such a story or hoax their video.

This case is still under investigation and further discoveries may lead to a more conclusive definition of what happened. Despite the evidence presented, I consider this event still unexplained. In reviewing the transcripts, one of the most profound questions remains: what happened to the Cardenas family after their video stopped on that fateful night of December 17, 2000?

Maybe the answer lies somewhere in the minds of the members of that family.

THE ANSWER IS OUT THERE (SOMEWHERE)

Scientists Report Alien Life

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LONDON (UPI) - Scientists in Wales said they discovered what may be a tiny form of primitive alien life that a passing comet may have dropped into Earth's atmosphere, London's Daily Mail newspaper reported Wednesday.

Researchers said that in the filter of a high-flying balloon operated by the Indian Space Research Organization, they found a strain of bacteria unlike anything on Earth. The bacteria were found at an altitude of 10 miles. Scientists from the ISRO, Cardiff University and the University of Wales College of Medicine said it may have come from a comet on a close approach to earth, according to the Daily Mail.

Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, who is based at Cardiff University, said the discovery marked "the first time we have had direct evidence for the hypothesis that comets seed life on other planets."

Wickramasinghe and astronomer Fred Hoyle suggested the theory of "panspermia" more than two decades ago, that the seeds of life, either DNA or microbes, could be carried by asteroids or comets and dropped off on planets such as Earth to germinate life.

The bacteria found in the balloon's filter "is a hitherto unknown strain," Wickramasinghe said. "It is so different from anything we've seen before that there are only two possible explanations."

One, he told the Daily Mail, is that "organisms have been lifted from the Earth to great heights in the skies and have somehow multiplied there and changed over time." The second, he said, is "that this is an example of primitive alien life."

The newspaper said samples of the bacteria are under study at Cardiff's Astrobiology Center, which Wickramasinghe and other scientists from ISRO, Cardiff University and the College of Medicine have teamed up to form.

Wickramasinghe rejected suggestions that the bacteria might be the result of contamination by earthly organisms. He said ISRO had imposed stringent sterile conditions aboard the balloon.

"The most recent geological evidence now suggests life on Earth may be 4 billion years old," the professor was quoted as saying. "That is a very significant time because it was a period when the Earth was pounded by comets and meteors."

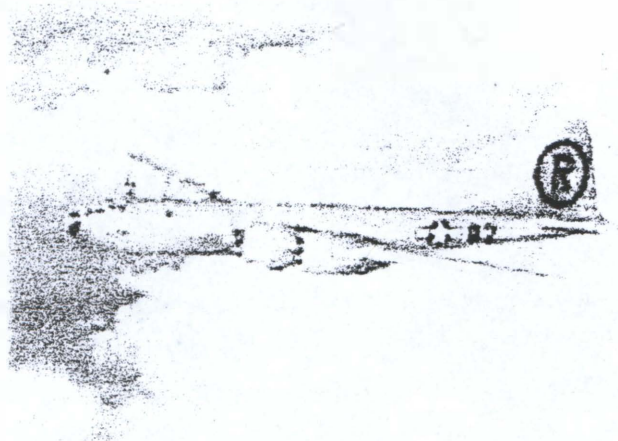
But his theory is not universally accepted in scientific circles. The Daily Mail quoted Alan Penny, an astronomer at Britain's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, as warning that "we would be cautious about jumping to conclusions."

"Extraordinary claims," he said, "need extraordinary evidence."

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The B-29 "Superfortress"

Dr. James E. McDonald:

Just to cite briefly another example of a radar-visual sighting in the official unidentified category: the December 6, 1952, airborne sighting by the crew of an Air Force B-29 flying over the Gulf of Mexico at 18,000 feet in bright moonlight. More than six separate unknowns, seen on the B-29 radarscopes and by crewmen watching out side-blister, passed at high speeds estimated at 5,000 mph from blip displacements. Some of them were seen below the flight altitude, and others maneuvered in most unconventional patterns such as sudden course-reversals. No meteor explanation would fit the visual sightings, and ground-return effects are essentially out of the question by virtue of the high altitude and by the features of the atmospheric laps rate at the time and area of this unusual sighting. It remains an unidentified in USAF files.

Francis Ridge:

There is little more to add to what Jim McDonald has stated above, except that this case report is item #8 on the list of 41 Air Technical Intelligence UFO sightings cleared for Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe by Albert M. Chop, Air Force Press Desk.

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UNUSUAL SIGHTING EVENT DURING 9th JANUARY LUNAR ECLIPSE

With a clear winter sky, amateur astronomers throughout Derbyshire were treated to a first class view of the Lunar Eclipse on the night of the 9th January. The Moon was seen to change in colour from pink to light green and a variety of other hues. However there was something else observed that has caused a bit of a stir and raised a few eyebrows. As yet there has been no explanation given that can explain the unusual phenomenon.

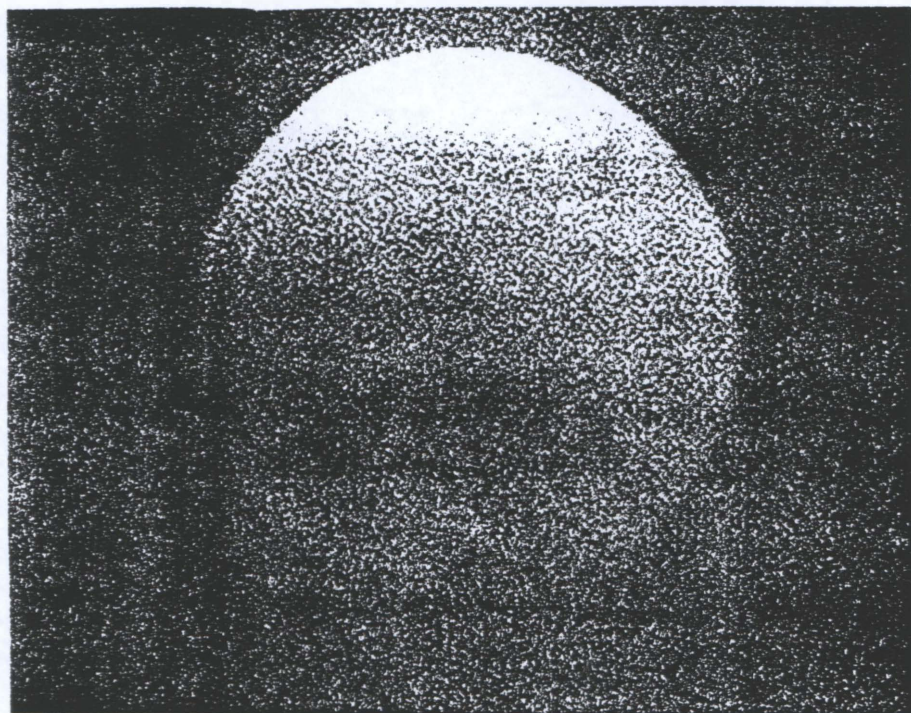
At 1942hrs: 34secs (video timer) two parallel lines were seen to pass rapidly across the face of the moon, moving from top right to bottom left in a matter of five seconds.

The lines were captured on video by Mr Russell Kellett at Bradford and there the matter might have ended, if Mr Kellett had not decided to telephone the Greenwich Observatory and report his sighting. "Probably aircraft contrails" was the response from the other end of the line, as apparently the lines had also been seen at Greenwich!

However if there are any mathematicians in our readership, it would be interesting to estimate the height that an aircraft contrail would have to have been in order to be presented in front of the Moon from both Bradford, Yorkshire and Greenwich. I would expect the lines to have been deep in space!

Although I had not observed the 'lines' myself, I decided to mention it during my recent BBC Radio Derby broadcast on Thursday 11th January. Much to my surprise, two listeners phoned in to say that they too had seen the 'lines'. 'Bob' from Burton and Sylvia from Ripley (Derbys.) both stated that they had seen the lines and Sylvia, who was observing the Moon through a powerful telescope, believes that she has photographed the lines...we will await results with interest.

If any of our readers watched the Lunar eclipse and saw the 'lines', please contact the Editor.



TOTAL ECLIPSE: All eyes were on the sky last night as the people of Derbyshire watched a total lunar eclipse.

The moon turned pale orange as it was slowly overcome by the earth's shadow.

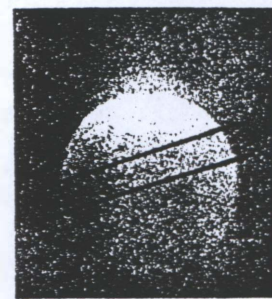
The eclipse began at about 6.50pm and by about 8pm it was blacked out with nothing but an outline glow visible to the eye.

More than 400 people went to Wirksworth's National Stone Centre to view the event through telescopes provided by the White Peak Astronomical Observing Group.

Jim Bell (55), a member of the White Peak Astronomical Observing Group, said: "It was terrific.

"Everybody was amazed at what they were looking at."

Telegraph photographer Maria Marshall captures the stages of the eclipse.



'Line' position and movement

The Evening Sky

January 2001

January 2001 brings a total eclipse of the Moon, breathtaking views of Venus, Jupiter and Saturn, and a sky so dark that even the faintest jewel in heaven will be sparkling.

On January 3rd we have the latest morning twilight so from then on it gets a little lighter each morning. Also on the 3rd the Quadrantid meteor shower is due to peak. The Moon is at first quarter and will set before midnight allowing excellent observing conditions. If you are looking skyward when the peak arrives, expect to see 40 or more swift moving meteors per hour. If you want to wish upon a shooting star, now is a good time to do so. I always do!

At 9 am on the 4th the Earth is closest to the Sun for the whole year (perihelion). Yes, the Earth is closer to the Sun by around 3 million miles in the depths of Winter than it is at the height of Summer!

A total lunar eclipse occurs on the 9th. Totality begins just before 8 pm and ends just before 9 pm. The Moon will be moderately high in the southeastern sky so there are no excuses for missing this eclipse. During totality the Moon turns a lovely red/orange colour. The colour is caused by the Earth's atmosphere bending and filtering sunlight before it reaches the Moon.

Look skyward on the 16th to see Venus high in the southwestern sky. Venus does not set until about four hours after the Sun has

disappeared below the horizon. Jupiter and Saturn are visible most of the night, on the 25th. These two giant worlds reach their stationary point before resuming their eastward motion among the star fields.

Saturn regains the title of 'planet with the most moons'. The latest count gives Saturn 22 moons. Uranus holds second place with 21 moons. It is exciting to know we can still discover moons orbiting neighbouring planets. Jupiter, incidentally, has 17 moons.

The Cassini-Huygens spacecraft due to arrive at Saturn in 2007 took a right turn at Jupiter on December 30th. My name is archived on board the part of the spacecraft (Huygens) due to land on Titan, the largest moon of Saturn. So I am, in spirit travelling to the moon of another world. Wow!

2001 is really the start of the new millennium. Remember, the Romans did not know about zeros (there is no Roman numeral for zero). The first year of the 'modern era' begins with the Roman numeral I. Hence 2000 years have passed in 2001 and not 2000.

The month of January derives its name from the Roman god Janus who had two faces. Janus ruled over beginnings and endings, the past and the future. New year is an excellent time to work on putting aside the old and the outdated in one's life and making plans for new and better conditions. What are the really important things in your life? Have a happy, prosperous and meaningful New Year!

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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TALE ENDERS

HOT OFF THE PRESS: Moscow Jan 27 2001. UFO Shuts Down Russian Airport.

(Agency France Presse) An airport in southern Siberia was shut down for an hour and a half on Friday (26th Jan.) when an unidentified flying object (UFO) was detected hovering above its runway, the interfax news agency reported.

The crew of an IL-76 cargo aircraft refused to take off, claiming they saw a luminescent object hovering over the runway of the Siberia's Barnaul airport, local aviation company director Ivan Komarov was quoted as saying.

The crew of another cargo plane, refusing to use the runway for the same reason, landed their jet at another airport, Komarov said.

The UFO took off and vanished from the airport 90 minutes later, according to the report.

ASTEROID NARROWLY MISSES THE EARTH. An asteroid 50 yards wide and travelling at 20 miles a second, missed Earth by 48,000 miles-a near hit in astronomical terms. The previously unknown asteroid, given the name 2000 YA and which appeared without warning, **would have obliterated a city**, had it hit, experts believe. The asteroid is still visible in the constellation of Ophiuchus. (*The Sunday Times* 24.12.2000)

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR THE FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. <http://www.fsreview.net> Take a look and discover the facts about the 'new look' FSR. Articles by Jorge Martin on the mysterious events taking place in Puerto Rico. Well worth a read for the genuine UFO researcher.

HIGH SPEED LIGHT CASTS DOUBTS ON EINSTEIN'S LAWS. The speed of light is not what it used to be, according to Jonathan Leake, Science Reporter of the Sunday Times. Scientists have discovered that light may once have travelled many thousands of times faster than now, posing new questions about Einstein's theory of relativity. "I tried to solve the so-called cosmological problems of the big bang model" said Joao Magueijo of Imperial College London, who carried out the research. "But we got more than we bargained for. A shocking possibility is that the speed of light might change during the life of the universe."

CONGRATULATIONS to Victor and Sybille Kean, who tied the wedding knot at Gretna Green on the 28th of December 2000. Victor is the predominant researcher of 'Project FT'. The investigation and study of Flying Triangle activity.

Victor and Sybille, who had planned to have a quiet ceremony at Gretna Green, were suddenly thrust into the limelight when they became the 5,202nd couple to be married there this year. In a burst of publicity, they were interviewed and photographed with two other couples. The result was a half page spread in the Daily Mail on Friday 29th December 2000.

MIR SPACE STATION TO BE BROUGHT DOWN TO EARTH. The MIR space station is due to be brought down to Earth in February, with a pre-planned splash-down in the Pacific Ocean. It will fall 1,500-2,000km from Australia, after the successful docking of a fully fuelled cargo module, which is intended to manoeuvre the MIR into a lower orbit

NEXT MEETING

Will take place at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby at 8pm on Tuesday 30th January.

There will be a double video presentation. 'Adamski-Death By Unnatural Causes' & 'UFO's Over Mexico'.

Members £1 on the night: Non-Members Welcome.

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